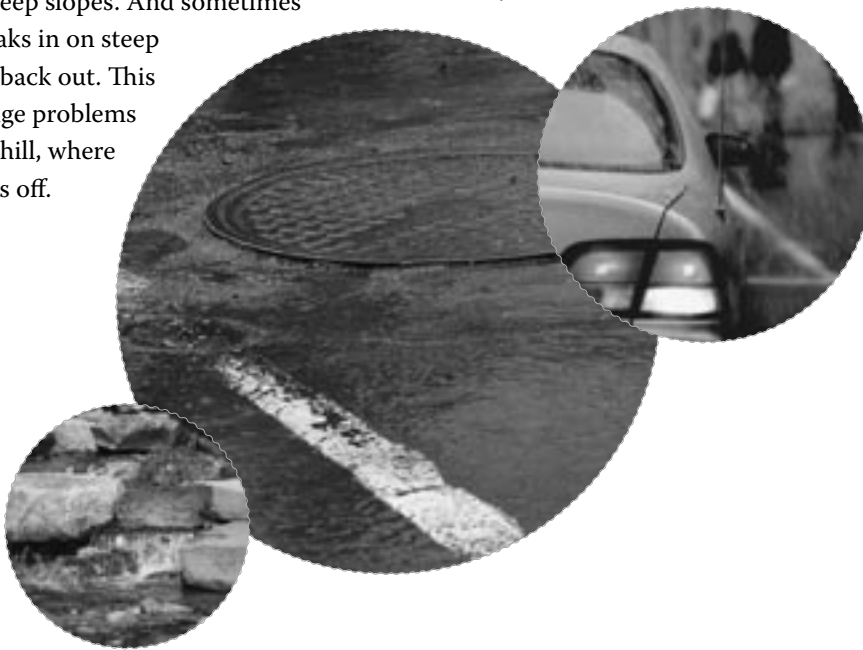


# Why Is This Happening To Me?

What causes drainage problems in Redmond? Several things do. First is the rainfall that our area receives—typically 40 inches each year. Next are compacted soils, which can make it difficult for rainwater to filter into the ground.

The lay of the land is another source of trouble—especially in parts of Redmond where slopes can be fairly steep. Rather than soak into the ground, rainwater tends to run off of these steep slopes. And sometimes water that soaks in on steep slopes, seeps back out. This causes drainage problems further downhill, where the land levels off.

There is also the growth rate. Redmond's population has grown from just 1,426 in 1960 to 46,391 in 2003. Rapid development has covered the land with impervious surfaces like buildings, streets and parking lots, limiting the area that's available for water to soak into the ground. Instead, it stays at the surface and quickly runs off into streams, storm drains and ditches. Or it flows onto your property and into your home!



## Growing Pains

Stormwater management plans are required with all new development. If you think that a proposed development near your house could cause drainage problems for you, then call or write to **Development Services** at 425-556-2760 or **Development Services**, MS:2SPW, P.O. Box 97010, Redmond, WA 98073, or e-mail [pwgen@redmond.gov](mailto:pwgen@redmond.gov).

